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ADVANCED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DRDO has developed technology to produce advanced light weight torpedos;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the production of said torpedo is likely to be started and the names of the companies manufacturing the torpedo?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed state-of-the-art Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET) capable of being launched from ship and helicopter. The torpedo has gone through several user acceptance trials and it is in the pre-production stage.

(c) M/s. Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL), Hyderabad, the Production Agency for AET, is producing five torpedosAfter evaluation of the pre-production units, Navy is likely to place bulk-production orders in a years time.